

Subpart B—Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance

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§ 32.31 Purpose.

This subpart implements the Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance Act of 1996, which authorizes the payment of financial assistance for the purpose of higher education to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officers who are found, under the provisions of subpart A of this part, to have died as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty, or to have been permanently and totally disabled as the direct result of a catastrophic injury sustained in the line of duty.

§ 32.32 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart:

(a) The *Act* means the Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-238, Oct. 3, 1996, codified as Subpart 2 of Part L of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3796d *et seq.*

(b)(1) *Bureau* means the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Office of Justice Programs, which is authorized to implement the provisions of this subpart.

(2) *PSOB* means the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program administered by the Bureau under subpart A of this part.

(3) *FLEDA* means the Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance program administered by the Bureau under this subpart.

(c) *Federal law enforcement officer* means any law enforcement officer, as defined in § 32.2(m), employed in a civilian capacity by an agency of the United States Government, with respect to whom PSOB benefits have been approved under subpart A of this part on account of the officer's death or disability in the line of duty.

(d) *Child* means any person who was the biological, adopted, or posthumous child, or the stepchild, of a Federal law enforcement officer at the time of the officer's death or disabling injury with respect to which PSOB benefits were

approved under subpart A of this part. A step-child must meet the provisions set forth in § 32.15.

(e) *Spouse* means the husband or wife of a deceased or permanently and totally disabled officer at the time of the officer's death or disabling injury with respect to which PSOB benefits were approved under subpart A of this part, and includes a spouse living apart from the officer at that time for any reason.

(f) *Dependent* means the child or spouse of any eligible Federal law enforcement officer.

(g) *Program of education* means any curriculum or any combination of unit courses or subjects pursued at an eligible educational institution, which generally is accepted as necessary to fulfill requirements for the attainment of a predetermined and identified educational, professional, or vocational objective. It includes course work for the attainment of more than one objective if, in addition to the previous requirements, all of the objectives generally are recognized as reasonably related to a single career field.

(h) *Eligible educational institution* means a postsecondary institution which—

(1) Is described in section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088), as in effect on October 3, 1996, including—

(i) An institution of higher education as defined in section 1201(a) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)),

(ii) A proprietary institution of higher education,

(iii) A postsecondary vocational institution, or

(iv) A foreign medical school; and

(2) Is eligible to participate in student assistance programs under title IV of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 *et seq.*).

(i) *Satisfactory progress* means that the dependent is maintaining satisfactory progress in the program of education, as determined under section 484(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1091(c)).

(j) *Educational expenses* means tuition, room and board, books, supplies, fees, and transportation expenses that are consistent with the educational, professional or vocational objectives set forth by the applicant in the application for assistance.